

Amdendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A door member for a tape cartridge, the said door member ~~closing~~ configured to close a tape outlet ~~formed~~ provided in the said tape cartridge such that the said tape outlet ~~can be opened~~ is openable, the said door member comprising:

a door body ~~in the form of~~ configured as a flat plate; and

a spring-mounting portion ~~in the form of~~ configured as a flat plate, said spring-mounting portion extending from said door body and having one end face ~~in which~~ opens ~~having an~~ insertion hole ~~formed~~ provided therein ~~for having~~ in which a foremost end of a spring member is inserted therein, one surface-side wall and another surface-side wall defining the said insertion hole from an opening-side region of the said insertion hole toward said end face to an innermost region of the insertion hole, cutouts being alternately ~~formed~~ provided in said one surface-side wall and said other surface-side wall, such that the said cutouts communicate with the said insertion hole, said spring-mounting portion having a protuberance ~~formed~~ provided on an inner surface of said one surface-side wall facing the said innermost region, for engagement with the said foremost end of the said spring member,

wherein an inner wall surface of said insertion hole on a door body side and another inner wall surface opposed to said inner wall surface are configured such that a distance between said inner wall surfaces is reduced toward an innermost end of said insertion hole.

2. (currently amended) A door member as claimed in claim 1, wherein said cutouts are ~~formed~~ configured by ~~cutting out~~ a removed portion of said one surface-side wall facing an intermediate region of the said insertion hole between the said opening-side region toward said end face and the said innermost region, such that the said ~~formed cutout communicates~~ cutouts communicate with the said insertion hole, and

~~cutting~~ respective removed portions of said other surface-side wall facing the said opening-side region and the said innermost region of the said insertion hole, such that the ~~formed~~ said cutouts communicate with the said insertion hole.

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) A door member for a tape cartridge, said door member configured to close a tape outlet provided in said tape cartridge such that said tape outlet is openable, said door member comprising:

a door body configured as a flat plate; and

a spring-mounting portion configured as a flat plate, said spring-mounting portion extending from said door body and having one end face having an insertion hole provided therein in which a foremost end of a spring member is inserted, one surface-side wall and another surface-side wall defining said insertion hole from an opening-side region of said insertion hole toward said end face to an innermost region of the insertion hole, cutouts being alternately provided in said one surface-side wall and said other surface-side wall, such that said cutouts communicate with said insertion hole, said spring-mounting portion having a protuberance provided on an inner surface of said one surface-side wall facing said innermost region, for engagement with said foremost end of said spring member,

wherein said cutouts are configured by a removed portion of said one surface-side wall facing an intermediate region of said insertion hole between said opening-side region toward said end face and said innermost region, such that said cutouts communicate with said insertion hole, and respective removed portions of said other surface-side wall facing said opening-side region and said innermost region of said insertion hole, such that said cutouts communicate with said insertion hole,

wherein an inner wall surface of the said insertion hole on the a door body side and an another inner wall surface opposed to the said inner wall surface are ~~formed~~ configured such that a distance between the said inner wall surfaces is reduced toward an innermost end of the said insertion hole.

5. (currently amended) A door member ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 1, wherein said spring-mounting portion includes a restriction portion that prevents the

said foremost end of the said spring member inserted into the said insertion hole from protruding from said spring-mounting portion.

6. (currently amended) A door member ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 2, wherein said spring-mounting portion includes a restriction portion that prevents the said foremost end of the said spring member inserted into the said insertion hole from protruding from said spring-mounting portion.

7. (currently amended) A door member ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 5, wherein said restriction portion is a restriction wall with which the said foremost end of the said spring member is brought into abutment, whereby the said foremost end of the said spring member is prevented from protruding from said spring-mounting portion.

8. (currently amended) A door member ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 6, wherein said restriction portion is a restriction wall with which the said foremost end of the said spring member is brought into abutment, whereby the said foremost end of the said spring member is prevented from protruding from said spring-mounting portion.

9. (currently amended) A tape cartridge accommodating a single reel of a magnetic tape, comprising:

a casing body ~~formed by~~ comprising an upper casing and a lower casing which ~~can~~ configured to be fitted to each other, said casing body having a side wall ~~formed~~ provided with a tape outlet from which the said magnetic tape can be pulled out from;

a door member attached to said casing body such that said door member is slidable along said side wall, said door member closing said tape outlet such that said tape outlet ~~can be opened~~ is openable; and

a spring member urging said door member toward a closed position in which the said tape outlet is closed,

said door member comprising a door body ~~in the form of~~ configured as a flat plate, and a spring-mounting portion ~~in the form of~~ configured as a flat plate, said spring-mounting portion extending from said door body and having one end face in which ~~opens~~ having an insertion hole ~~formed~~ provided therein ~~for having~~ in which a foremost end of the spring member is inserted therein, one surface-side wall and another surface-side wall defining the said insertion hole from an opening-side region of

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the said insertion hole toward said end face to an innermost region of the said insertion hole, cutouts being alternately ~~formed~~ provided in said one surface-side wall and said other surface-side wall, such that the said cutouts communicate with the said insertion hole, said spring-mounting portion having a protuberance ~~formed~~ provided on an inner surface of said one surface-side wall facing the said innermost region, for engagement with the said foremost end of the said spring member,

wherein an inner wall surface of said insertion hole on a door body side and another inner wall surface opposed to said inner wall surface are configured such that a distance between said inner wall surfaces is reduced toward an innermost end of said insertion hole.

10. (currently amended) A tape cartridge ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 9, wherein said cutouts are ~~formed~~ configured by ~~cutting out~~ a removed portion of said one surface-side wall facing an intermediate region of the said insertion hole between the said opening-side region toward said end face and the said innermost region, such that the said ~~formed cutout communicates~~ cutouts communicate with the said insertion hole, and ~~cutting~~ respective removed portions of said other surface-side wall facing the said opening-side region and the said innermost region of the said insertion hole, such that the ~~formed~~ said cutouts communicate with the said insertion hole.

11. (new) A door member according to claim 4, wherein said spring-mounting portion includes a restriction portion that prevents said foremost end of said spring member inserted into said insertion hole from protruding from said spring-mounting portion.

12. (new) A door member according to claim 11, wherein said restriction portion is a restriction wall with which said foremost end of said spring member is brought into abutment, whereby said foremost end of said spring member is prevented from protruding from said spring-mounting portion.

13. (new) A door member according to claim 9, wherein said spring-mounting portion includes a restriction portion that prevents said foremost end of said spring member inserted into said insertion hole from protruding from said spring-mounting portion.

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14. (new) A door member according to claim 13, wherein said restriction portion is a restriction wall with which said foremost end of said spring member is brought into abutment, whereby said foremost end of said spring member is prevented from protruding from said spring-mounting portion.